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NODIS - CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, SF, WA
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PIK BOTHA

1. I HAD LUNCH TODAY WITH PIK BOTHA AND BRAND FOURIE. BOTHA SAID WEEKEND TALKS WITH WHITE MEMBERS OF TURNHALLE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN LONG AND DIFFICULT BUT HE THOUGHT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN CONVINCING THEM THAT TURNHALLE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY IN REVOKING APARTHEID, FRAMING CONSTITUTION AND MAKING PROVISION FOR REFERENDUM -- MEASURES WHICH WOULD HELP GAIN AN INDEPENDENT SWA INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

2. BOTHA SAID HE WOULD FILL IN DETAILS WHEN HE SAW YOU. HE PLANS TO LEAVE HERE ON THURSDAY, OCT 21, AND WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

3. BOTHA ASKED THAT I RELAY TO YOU THAT HE URGED TURNHALLE GROUP TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT WOULD COMPLICATE DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS.
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